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SUBJ: MAKARIOS PRESS INTERVIEW IN ATHENS

1. UPON ARRIVAL ATHENS OCTOBER 10 ENROUTE FROM NEW YORK
TO NICOSIA, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT
AIRPORT, MAIN POINTS OF WHICH FOLLOW:

(1) MAKARIOS ASSERTED THAT PROPOSALS OF DENKTASH RELEVANT
TO A COMMON TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS ARE COMPLETELY
UNCCCEPTABLE, SINCE THEY WOULD EFFECT OF UNDERMINING THE
CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT.

(2) RELEVANT TO UNITED NATIONS, MAKARIOS STATED THAT WHILE
THE CLIMATE THERE IS FAVORABLE, NEVERTHELESS NO FINAL
SOLUTION SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THAT BODY SINCE ITS
RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS APPLIED. IN FACT, TURKEY HAS UP
UNTIL NOW SHOWED COMPLETE CONTEMPT FOR ITS RESOLUTIONS.

(3) RELEVANT TO CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. LEADERS,
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MAKARIOS STATED THAT IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE AMERICAN

GOVERNMENT HAS A REALLY STRONG INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE ADDED HE DOES NOT KNOW "WHAT KIND" OF SOLUTION IT SUPPORTS. MAKARIOS REMINDED THE JOURNALISTS THAT THE USG HAD REPEATEDLY ASSERTED THAT THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE MODERATE STAND BY TURKEY TOWARD THE CYPRUS PROBLEMS, I.E. THAT IT WOULD SHOW A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND WOULD PROCEED TOWARDS CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A BASE FOR AN AGREEMENT. MAKARIOS EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE FOREGOING WOULD PROVE TRUE BUT HE STATED THAT HE ENTERTAINED "MANY DOUBTS". HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE MADE SUCH HEAVY POLITICAL INVESTMENTS ON THIS QUESTION THAT THEY WOULD BE "VERY EXPOSED" IF THE RESUMPTION OF AID DID NOT RESULT IN CORRESPONDING RESPONSE ON THE PART OF TURKEY. MAKARIOS CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE NEXT TWO MONTHS WILL BE DECISIVE IN THIS REGARD, AND THAT IN HIS VIEW IF NO PROGRESS IS MADE, THEN A MAJORITY OF CONGRESS WILL ONCE MORE FAVOR THE CUT-OFF OF AID TO TURKEY.

(4) AS TO RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, MAKARIOS STATED THAT A PRE-CONDITION IS FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE TO BE IN POSITION TO OFFER CONCRETE PROPOSALS REGARDING ALL SECTORS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM; OTHERWISE, THERE IS NO REASON FOR RESUMING THE TALKS. MAKARIOS STATED THAT THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL HOLDS THE SAME OPINION I.E. NO REASON TO RESUME TALKS UNTIL THERE IS HOPE OF SERIOUS PROGRESS.

(5) MAKARIOS REJECTED THE REPORT OF A CYPRIOT NEWS-PAPER WHICH REPORTED THAT DURING HELSINKI HE HAD ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF A BI-ZONAL SOLUTION. MAKARIOS CATEGORIZED THAT REPORT AS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER INDICATED HE WOULD SUPPORT ANY PROPOSALS WHICH WERE OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS RE CYPRUS.

2. MAKARIOS HELD A MEETING WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER KANELLOPOULOS ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 10 AND WILL MEET OCTOBER 11 WITH GEORGE MARVROS, LEADER OF THE CENTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNION-NEW FORCES PARTY. MAKARIOS IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS ON OCTOBER 12 FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S RETURN FROM AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON. STEARNS

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